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St. James's, January 3.

THE following Addreſs of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the Borough of King's Lynn, has been preſented to his Majeſty by Horatio Walpole, Eſq; one of their Repreſentatives in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Rochford, one of the Lords of his Majeſty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the Borough of King's Lynn, in Council aſſembled.

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the antient Borough of King's Lynn, convinced of our being bound by the ſtrongeſt Ties of Gratitude to manifeſt, on every Occaſion, our Senſe of the many Bleſſings we owe to your Majeſty's paternal Care and Goodneſs, beg Leave to expreſs our unfeigned Joy on your ſafe Return to your Britiſh Dominions; endeared to your Subjects in a more peculiar Manner, as well as revered by the People of other Nations, by the wiſe and ſucceſsful Application of your Endeavours to reſtore Peace to Europe.

Princes deceived by a falſe Idea of Glory, may be fond of acquiring it by War, though at the Expence of the Happineſs and Blood of their Subjects; but your Majeſty knows, that the true Glory of a King conſiſts in his People's Welfare, ariſing from an Adminiſtration employed in the ſilent but more happy Arts of Peace.

Your Wiſdom and Courage, Sir, in the Conduct of a juſt War, demonſtrated you to be happily qualified to protect the Rights of your People, and avenge the Violation of them; and the timely and happy Concluſion of an honourable Peace, (under your Majeſty's Influence) has given us a ſtrong Proof of your ſtrict Attention to our Intereſt as a Trading Nation.

In our preſent Circumſtances we have nothing more to wiſh than the Continuance of your Majeſty's precious Life; that the Part of it yet to come may be paſſed in all the Satisfaction that a beneficent gracious Prince can receive from the moſt dutiful Regards of a free, brave and flouriſhing People; and that the Throne of theſe Kingdoms may be filled by the Deſcendants of your Illuſtrious Houſe, and the Inheritors of your Virtues, till Time ſhall be no more.

Given under our Common Seal at the Guild-hall in the Borough aforeſaid, this Twenty-eighth Day of December, in the Twenty Second Year of your Majeſty's Reign.

Hague, Jan. 10, N. S. The States of Holland are ſummoned to meet on Wedneſday next; and 'tis expected that during this Aſſembly they will take into Conſideration the ſeveral Plans which have been laid before them, for making Good the Deficiency occaſioned in their Revenue by the Abolition of the Farms. General Cronſtrom arrived here two Days ago, in Conſequence of an Order from the Court-Martial, which has been appointed to examine into his Conduct at Bergen-op-Zoom.

Carlton Houſe, January 1.

This Day M. Zohtern, charg'd with the Affairs of the Emperor, and Empreſs Queen of Hungary, had a private Audience of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales.

And afterwards a private Audience of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales. To both which he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, January 2.

This Day M. Zohtern had a private Audience of his Royal Highneſs the Duke.

And afterwards a private Audience of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Amelia. To both which he was introduced by the Maſter of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, December 27, 1748.

Whereas it has been repreſented to the King, That an Anonymous Letter, dated the 19th Inſtant, was, by the Penny-Poſt, ſent to, and received by, Merchant France, over-againſt the Eaſt India Warehouſe, Fenchurch-ſtreet, requiring him to put the Sum of Ten Guineas to-bind the Five Mile Stone in the Eſſex Road on Sunday Morning; and threatning him, that if the ſame was not

not complied with, his House should be destroyed, or himself murdered: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Author or Authors of the said Letter, is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a farther Encouragement, the said Mr. Franco does hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid on the Conviction.

Tho. Adams,
for Abraham and Jacob Franco.

Whitehall, December 24, 1748.

Whereas it has been represented to the King, That Richard Hawkins, late of Yapton in the County of Sussex, Labourer, being, some Time in the Month of January last, at Work in a Barn near the said Parish, was forcibly taken from thence by Jeremiah Curtis, alias Butler, late of Hawkhurst in the County of Kent, and John Mills, alias Smoaker, of Trotton in the County of Sussex, Labourer, and was by them carried into a Back Room in the Dog and Partridge Alehouse on Slinden Common; where Edward Savage, alias Savidge, alias Fat-back, late of Bexhill, but now of Billingshurst, Alehouse-keeper; and Thomas Winter, alias Coachman, alias Kentish Coachman, of Posling, near Hythe, in the County of Kent, Farmer, were waiting for them: In which Room they detained the said Richard Hawkins till about Twelve o'Clock at Night; when the said Jeremiah Curtis, John Mills, Edward Savage, and Thomas Winter went away, and took with them the said Richard Hawkins; who was not afterwards seen or heard of till his Body was found in a Pond in Parham Park, in the said County of Sussex: That the Coroner's Inquest having sat upon the said Body, found it to be the Body of the said Richard Hawkins, and brought in their Verdict, Wilful Murder by Persons unknown.

And whereas it hath been further represented to the King, That several Murders, Burglaries and Robberies have been lately committed in the County of Sussex; and that there is the strongest Reason to believe, that the said Jeremiah Curtis, John Mills, Edward Savage, and Thomas Winter, were the Authors of the said Murder: His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the abovesaid Persons, as well as for discouraging such horrid and barbarous Outrages, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any Person who shall apprehend, or, by giving Information shall cause to be apprehended, so as he or they be convicted thereof, any one or more of the said Offenders; notwithstanding the Person making such Discovery shall now stand outlawed for not having surrendred himself to Justice, pursuant to Notice given in the London Gazette; provided that such Person shall not appear to have been concerned in the abovesaid Murder, or any other Murder; or to have been concern'd in the breaking open his Majesty's Warehouse at Pool.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Custom-House, London, Dec. 24, 1748.

And as a further Encouragement for bringing the Offenders to Justice, the Commissioners of the Customs do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds for the discovering and apprehending each of the Persons concerned in the said Murder; to be paid by the Receiver General of the Customs upon the Conviction of each Offender respectively,

By Order of the Commissioners,
William Wood, Secr.

Whitehall, December 20, 1748.

Whereas it has been represented to his Majesty, That the Dwelling House of Mrs. Philippa Leman, of Wenhaston, in the County of Suffolk, was broke into, on the 5th Instant, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven of the Clock in the Night, by Five Men armed and disguised, and a large Quantity of chased Plate was taken thereout; (Part of which was engraved with the following Coat of Arms in Lozenge, viz. a Fez between Three Dolphins, Or:) As also a considerable Sum of Money, together with a Gold Watch in a chased Case, and a large Quantity of Houshold Linen; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Burglary and Robbery, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a farther Encouragement, the said Mrs. Philippa Leman does hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to any one of the said Accomplices, who shall discover one or more of the said Offenders; to be paid upon their Conviction.

Philippa Leman.

Whitehall, Sept. 15, 1748.

Whereas it has been represented to their Excellencies the Lords Justices, that, on the 6th of this Instant September, one Hugh Coffy was committed to Newgate, on strong Suspicion of Filing and Diminishing Portugal Gold Pieces: And as there is the strongest Reason to believe, that the said Coffy, and several others (who since the said Coffy's Commitment have absconded) have been concerned in Filing the Current Coin of this Kingdom called Guineas, and in dispersing the same: Their Excellencies are pleased to promise His Majesty's most gracious Pardon to any of the Persons concerned with the said Coffy as aforesaid, upon his or her discovering one or more of his or her Accomplices; as likewise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament, to any Person or Persons, who shall apprehend and take any Person or Persons concerned in Filing and Diminishing the said Current Coin of this Kingdom, so as he, she or they may be convicted of the same.

J. Potter.

Mint Office in the Tower of London, Sept. 30, 1748.

Whereas divers evil-disposed Persons have, for some Time past, made a Practice of filing Guineas, and dispersing the same; and for the apprehending of the Offenders therein, their Excellencies the Lords Justices have been pleased to promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds (over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament) to any Person or Persons, who shall apprehend and take any Person or Persons concerned in filing and diminishing of Guineas, so as he, she, or they be thereof convicted: And whereas Samuel Davies, against whom an Information has been taken upon Oath, hath, since the above Discoveries, absconded from his Habitation, the Sign of the Bull and Butcher in West Smithfield; on Searching which said House, was found in a Bureau belonging to the said Samuel Davies, Tools and other Instruments for filing of Guineas, with a large Quantity of Filings of Gold Coin.

Samuel Davies was born at Wrexham, served his Apprenticeship at Liverpool, well known at Thame in Oxfordshire, and kept a Butcher's Shop for some Years in German-street St. James's. He is a black Man, about five Foot ten Inches high, has a down cast Look, and had on, at the Time he absconded, an old white Wig, a Fustian Frock with Plate Buttons, a blue and white striped Waistcoat, black Breeches, light colour'd Stockings,

Stockings, with large Silver Buckles in his Shoes, and is about fifty Years of Age.

And whereas Informations have been taken againſt the following Perſons for being concerned with others in filing and diminiſhing ſuch Guineas as aforeſaid, as alſo the Portugal Gold Coin, to wit, Bryan Duff, Mary Dean alias Harriſon, and Margaret Rutherford, who have all lately abſconded.

Bryan Duff, born in Ireland, a middle ſized Man, full bodied, has a round plump Face, of a ruddy Complexion, and has a briſk Eye; is about thirty Years of Age, and generally wore a light brown Coat with yellow Metal Buttons, and a Scarlet Waiſtcoat; he lived Servant to a Gentleman in Clarges-ſtreet Piccadilly, and Charles ſtreet St. James's, and lodged laſt at the Red Lion in King-ſtreet Golden Square.

Mary Dean alias Harriſon, born in Cheſhire, is between forty and fifty Years of Age, lived many Years in Dublin, and well known at Liverpool, is a Dealer in Iriſh Stuffs: She is a middle-ſized Woman, has a large Scar in the Left Side of her Neck juſt below her Hair, a Swelling in one of her Knees, and walks lame; well known in Green Harbour-Court near the Golden Hind, Moorfields, and lodged laſt in Sedwick's Rents near Moor-Gate.

Margaret Rutherford alias Mary Foſter, (born in Ireland) Wife of Robert Rutherford, of Sir John Ligonier's Regiment, is a tall jolly Woman, between thirty and forty Years old, is pitted with the Small Pox, has grey Eyes, and a remarkable Dent at the End of one of her Thumbs; is by Trade a Mantua-maker and Dealer in Iriſh Stuffs, well known about Temple-Bar, and the Villages round London, and lodged laſt in Bow-Lane, Cheapſide.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid Samuel Davies, or either of the other abovementioned Perſons, or any other Perſon concerned in theſe Practices, may apply themſelves to Mr. Fountaine Cook, Sollicitor to his Majeſty's Mint, at his Chambers in Clement's Inn, London.

London, Dec. 2, 1748.

General Poſt-Office.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy, bringing the Weſt Mail from Andover to Baſingſtoke, was laſt Night, between the Hours of Seven and Eight, attacked on the Highway, about a Quarter of a Mile on this Side of a Place called Clarken Green, which is near Four Miles diſtant from Baſingſtoke in the County of Southampton, by a ſingle Highwayman, who carried off the Letters contained in the following Bags, viz. The two Exeter *Bags,* Shaftsbury, Aſhburton, Truro, Barnſtaple, Launceſton, Weymouth, Camelford, Bodmin, Totneſs, Ilcheſter, Dorcheſter, Somerton, Yeovil, *and* Blandford.

This is to give Notice, That whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, of whom no particular Deſcription is as yet come to Hand, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Perſon or Perſons, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make Diſcovery, whereby the Perſon, who committed the ſame, may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer or Diſcoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the ſame Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Poſt-Maſter-General,
George Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

General Poſt-Office, December 17, 1748.

His Majeſty's Poſt-Maſter General, for the farther Improvement of Correſpondence, having been pleaſed to order, that Letters ſhall, for the future, be conveyed by the Poſt ſix Days in every Week, inſtead of three Days, as at preſent, between London *and* Chippingnorton, Eveſham, Worceſter, Bromſgrove *and* Birmingham; *with the intermediate Places, and that thoſe Letters, on the three additional Poſt Days, ſhall be conveyed through* OXFORD: *And likewiſe, that Letters ſhall, for the future, be conveyed by the Poſt ſix Days in every Week, inſtead of three Days, as at preſent, between* London *and* Wells, Bridgwater, Taunton, Wellington, Tiverton *and* Exeter, *and that thoſe Letters, on the three additional Poſt Days, ſhall be conveyed through* BRISTOL.

And the Poſt-Maſter General having alſo been pleaſed to order a new Branch to be erected between Salisbury *and* Axminſter, *through the Towns of* Blandford, Dorcheſter, Bridport *and* Lyme, *by which Means the Correſpondence between* London *and theſe Places, together with the Towns of* Weymouth, Wareham, *and* Corfe-Caſtle, *and alſo their Correſpondence with the Trading-Towns in* Devonſhire *and* Cornwall, *as well as with* Bath, *and* Briſtol, *will be conſiderably quickened and improved.*

Publick Notice is hereby given, that theſe ſeveral additional Conveyances will commence upon Monday the 26th of this Inſtant December, at which Time the preſent Stage between Crewkerne *and* Bridport, *together with that between* Shaftsbury *and* Blandford, *will be diſcontinued.*

And whereas great Numbers of Letters have hitherto been privately collected and delivered at the ſeveral Towns and Stages abovementioned, contrary to Law, and to the great Prejudice of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office; All Carriers, Coachmen, Watermen, Wherrymen, Diſperſers of Country News Papers, and all other Perſons whatſoever, hereafter detected in the illegal collecting or delivering of Letters, will be proſecuted with the utmoſt Severity.

N. B. The Penalty is Five Pounds for every Letter collected or delivered contrary to Law, and One Hundred Pounds for every Week ſuch Practice is continued.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter-General,
Geo. Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

General Poſt Office, December 31, 1748.

Publick Notice is hereby given, That the Correſpondence, by Letters, between theſe Kingdoms and the Auſtrian Netherlands, is now opened by the Way of Oſtend, and that the firſt Mail for Flanders will be forwarded from this Office upon Monday the 9th Day of the next Month of January, and will continue for the future to go out from hence upon the Monday and Friday of every Week, as uſual, heretofore in former Times of Peace.

By Command of the Poſt Maſter General,
Geo. Shelvocke, *Sec.*

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company late of his Majeſty's Ship the Berwick, that were on board at the taking a Spaniſh Man of War called the Poder, that the Bounty ariſing by Five Pounds a Head for the ſaid Ship's Crew, will be diſtributed to them at Mr. Jaſper's Office next Door to the Navy-Office in Crutched Fryers, on Thurſday the 26th of January inſtant; and the Shares not then demanded, may be received the firſt Thurſday in every Month for three Years to come.

Notice